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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR VERIFYING INVARIANT  
PROPERTIES OF DATA STRUCTURES AT RUN-TIME

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. §1.97(b))**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, two patent applications: serial numbers 09/717,570 and 09/718,059 both filed on November 21, 2000 by Carol L. Thompson are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted either within three months of the filing date or before the first Office Action of the above-identified application. Accordingly, no fee is due.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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